

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DISABILITY PENSION
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether disability pension granted to members of the Defence Services is less than one-third that granted to civilians;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to remove the disparity?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): The disability pension admissible to the Armed Forces personnel and the civilian personnel are not comparable. The Armed Forces personnel are given disability pension on slab basis with reference to their rank. The slab system was considered more beneficial to the majority of the Armed Forces personnel discharged from the service on account of disabilities.